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5. East African Trades Union Congress: I only know what I have read about this organization. It appears to be an attempt by European labor to get labor organized and it is very likely that trades union people from the UK are interested in getting similar organizations in Kenya. I have noticed the Government takes the attitude, in regard to things of this sort, that they prefer to have such groups organize out in the open then the responsibility can be placed on the leaders in charge of it, rather than ban such organizations and then have them boil up underneath. A great many organizations of this kind the Government does not oppose until such time as they definitely show themselves to be detrimental.

#### RAILROADS

6. The railroads have Africans in their organization, but just how high up they can go I do not know. There are Africans employed as station masters, although the majority are Asians, and there are some engineers and firemen on the trains. For railway maintenance they have little settlements every three or four miles where Africans live and are employed on a full time basis as road gangs that go along the track and keep it up. There are many Africans handling switches, flags, etc., in the railroad yards.

#### ROADS

7. Main roads are built and maintained by the Public Works Department (PWD). The secondary roads and the next lower class are maintained by the various District Councils. In the Machakos District there is a European foreman (there might be cases where Africans hold this job) and he is responsible for the roads in his district and for other building projects such as bridges, etc. The districts have a certain number of trucks available as well as one or two graders. They have road gangs, employed on a full time basis, under the direction of an African foreman. In addition, the other minor roads and paths are the responsibility of the local chiefs. The district road gangs generally do the main work to put them in shape but then repairs and maintenance are done, on a part time basis, by local persons in the area under the direction of the chief. During the rainy season all roads, including the main highways, are often cut off for various lengths of time. Side roads in addition to being cut off can become very slippery and one can easily get stuck.

#### WELLS

8. I can give no specific locations of wells in the desert areas southeast of Nairobi, but I do know they have done a lot of boring.
9. I know of one artesian well at Kangundo, Machakos District. When this well was bored the water gushed out to a height of many feet and all that was required was a tap to turn it on and off.

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